



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Meetings

3rd Tuesdays
7:00PM
St. Brigid School –
Room 230
130 W Larkin St
Midland MI 48640

Grand Knight's Column

December 2019

Brothers,

Advent is always a joyous time of the year for my family. We are accused of being over ambitious due to the fact that we complete our Christmas shopping and Christmas card procurement prior to advent. We do this in hopes of increasing our ability to focus on the advent season.

There is so much to do during the advent season to prepare for Christ's future arrival and celebrate his past arrival. My family tends to focus on children's games with Catechism trivia incorporated. We spend time in the dark with prayer leading into the lighting of the advent candle(s) each day. My family focuses on prayer and fun events that look toward the celebration of Christ's coming.

I urge you to consider father's words during his pearls of faith deeply and prepare yourself and your family for Christmas. Christmas will come, but let's not rush to get there. Let's take our time and make sure we are ready for Christ when he arrives for the Christmas Season starting on December 25th.

PS:

The district deputy was a bit surprised by the load of sweatshirts he will have to deliver to Lansing for Holy Cross Services. You all should be proud of this as your donated sweatshirts may be the only Christmas present these children receive this year.

Vivat Jesus

Chris Van Hampler
Grand Knight

OFFICERS (GK, DPK and FS mandatory; rest

optional) will now meet with the Sunday before the third Sunday at 10:30 to discuss the agenda for the Tuesday meeting and upcoming events.

Also, note that set up of the council meeting for officer's starts 1 hour prior to the meeting.

Knight and Family of the Year

Knight – Jerry Burnis
Family – Steve and Deb Moser

Knight and Family of the Month

Knight – Tim Danner
Family – The Kieffer Family

Schedule of Events

DEC	06	Adoration
DEC	06	Christmas Caroling at Kings Daughters
DEC	08	Pancake Breakfast -Vol Needed
DEC	08	Calendar hand out -Vol Needed
DEC	08	EWTN Handout -Vol Needed
DEC	14	Christmas Caroling on Dilloway
DEC	15	Calendar hand out -Vol Needed
DEC	29	Fifth Sunday Rosary

A Lady Knight's Thoughts

Advent

It's almost Advent season. A time of prayer and preparation for Christmas.

So, when did Catholic's actually start celebrating Advent? Well there is no precise start but it has been documented that it began as a time of preparation for the Epiphany. It was celebrated similarly to how we celebrate Lent. Regardless of how it began though, the important thing is that Advent is a time of prayer and preparation for the coming of the Lord. So, how do you celebrate?

At our house we have lots of calendars and we also have two young kids that we are trying to teach about Advent and set some traditions in place. The struggle for us is that we were not raised Catholic so we are not only putting traditions in place for our kids, we are creating traditions for ourselves as well. I have read that some people light a candle every night and say prayers, maybe we will give that a start. I know one thing that is a tradition is that we do not take decorations down until after Advent season is over.

—Elizabeth Cayo

We are a Fraternal Order based on Catholic Family Values. This section is entirely devoted to communications from a Lady Knight that is reflective of our virtues. If your lady knight would like to contribute, please have her contact Susan Van Hampler at s_vanhampler@yahoo.com. Please keep in mind that this newsletter is for Knights and their families. Our only secrets are our ceremonials and our families' involvement is key to our success.

Pancake Breakfasts

November's pancake breakfast was a lower attendance and higher expenses due to shared expenses with the polish dinner (ie butter). Please contact Shane Wallace if you can help: Shanewallace14056@yahoo.com

Directors and Coordinators

Program Director

Chris Van Hampler

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Tootsie Roll Coordinator

Bobby Ellis

Admissions Director

Steve Moser

4th Degree Director

Steve Moser

Vocations

Dan Corbat

St. Brigid K of C Shirts

Show your pride in our council by purchasing a K of C polo shirt. These are 50% cotton and 50% polyester (no shrinkage) and will have the emblem of our order. They are available through the Grand Knight for \$22 in sizes up to XL. Jackets, Sweaters and hats may also be as well.

Fraternity Building Activities

We will be increasing our fraternal activities.

Bar Visits after every council meeting.

December 14th we will be having a Christmas Caroling Walk (**adult focused, but open to families**) around Steve Moser's and Brad Cayo's house

Whiskey and wine will be available to help warm the atmosphere during the wintery walk.

December 6th at 6:30 we will be having family Christmas Caroling/Card handing out with the parish children's choir at Assisted Living Homes In February, we will have a Beer brewing event at the Beldyga's house. Beer event will be in the pull barn, but families are welcome to come hang out in the house.

Vocation Trip For Men to Sacred Heart Seminary

Looking for help coordinating this event.

Contact Steve Moser (swmoser55@gmail.com) for ideas or for help coordinating this event.

Vocation Trip For Women to a Convent in Alma/Ann Arbor March 21st

Contact Susan Van Hampler (s_vanhampler@yahoo.com) with any interest or if you (or spouse or daughter) are willing to drive to this event..

Easter we will be having an Egg Hunt open to the parish at Briarwood park.

Good of the Order

Please pray for Chuck MacDonald all of the sick on the parish lists, all victims of man-made or natural disasters, all Law Enforcement personnel, and all those in uniform protecting our way of life. Please remember all in your prayers and pray for peace.

Additional Prayer Request:

Email: c_vanhampler@yahoo.com

Facebook group: [Closed Facebook Group \(Members and Spouses Only\)](#)

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Officer Vacancy

We need a volunteer to help organize EWTN communications. Please contact Chris Van Hampler and Mike Marlow for details. Please note that it is the desire of the council and the current EWTN communications focal point to expand beyond just the schedules. We are looking for a younger and family oriented knight to head this activity up.

We need a volunteer to be the council's life director. This individual will help focus the council's efforts on how to approach the churches position on life. Please contact Chris Van Hampler and Mike Marlow for details. We are looking for a younger and family oriented knight to head this activity up.

Service Opportunities

As Knights we are always on the lookout for activities where we can provide a service to our communities like moving furniture for Midland Area Homes. If you come by such an opportunity, please be sure to share it with Steve Moser or one of the other officers

Please note that father is looking for helpers on Tuesday to wash dishes. He asked for volunteers during our council meeting. Please show your support to our worthy chaplain.

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Charity

Charity always comes first as our guiding principle for our fraternal order. We are always on the look out to help provide assistance to those in need. If you see such an opportunity, please let one of the officers know.

Membership

How are we doing? **It is a new year. Let's have fun! Let's do good work!**

- Ask that man now to become a member. Your dad, son, grandson, neighbor, workmate, man in the pew next to you.
- Tell him why you joined.
- **Membership is everyone's duty**

Many men of the parish are not members of the K of C. Oftentimes it is because they have never been asked.

Communications

Is there communication you want or you want to share? Please feel free to request a blurb within the newsletter or Facebook. Be fair to the editor and be concise with your message.

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Calendar

Star Wars Episode IX comes out on December 19th.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 1st Sunday of Advent	2	3	4	5 Prayer group	6 First Friday Adoration of the Eucharist Christmas Caroling At King's Daughters	7
8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Calendar and EWTN Hand-out Pancake Breakfast	9	10	11	12	13	14 Christmas Caroling
15 Calendar and EWTN Hand-out	16	17 Council Meeting	18	19 Prayer group	20	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
29 5th Sunday Rosary	30	31	1 New Year's Day	2 Prayer group	3 First Friday Adoration of the Eucharist	4

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12 Tootsie Roll First Mass	13	14	15	16 Prayer group	17	18 Basketball Free Throw Challenge
19	20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Prayer group	31	1

Past Activities
Santa Day Parade

Thanks to members of all of the local councils, we handed out about 3000 tootsie rolls at the Santa Parade on Saturday.





Have you insured your most valuable asset?

Is your income protected if you become sick or injured and cannot work? Your ability to work and earn an income is your most valuable asset. Yet a disability could prevent you from earning that income. Just one year of a disability could eliminate your savings.

I would like to show you that Income Armor, an individual disability income insurance product from the Knights of Columbus, should be a key part of your overall financial plan and family's protection.

If you are ill or injured, Income Armor provides monthly benefits to help you meet living expenses and maintain your standard of living. Your monthly benefits help you pay your mortgage and other monthly bills, while your savings and retirement assets remain intact.

In short, if you have a job and don't have a way to protect that paycheck, you should seriously consider Income Armor today. I look forward to meeting with you.



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